

LAW ENFORCEMENT & JUDICIARY COMMITTEE

June 21, 2006

10:00 A.M.

Meeting was called to order by Chairman O'Melia at 10:02 a.m. in Committee Room #2, at the Oneida County Courthouse

LAW ENFORCEMENT COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT:

Chairman David O'Melia, Vice Chair Ted Cushing, Member Paul Dean, Member Jack Young, and Member Peter Wolk

OTHERS PRESENT: Kim Adams (asst. secretary), LRES Director Carey Jackson, and Daily News Reporter Heather Schaefer

Motion by Dean to approve the Agenda as posted; second was offered by Cushing; all aye on voice vote, the motion carried 3-0 (one absent – Young, Wolk abstained). Cushing then moved to approve the minutes of the June 7, 2006 meeting as presented, with second offered by O'Melia. All aye on voice vote, the motion carried 4-0 (Wolk abstained).

Chairman O'Melia advised that for the record Peter Wolk has now been appointed as Committee Member.

MATTERS FOR DISCUSSION / ACTION:

Corporation Counsel Vacancy:

Open discussion on vacancy of Corporation Counsel. Job description reviewed and discussion on revising description to include requirement of knowledge (extensive) regarding labor negotiations and/or union contracts. Position being filled needs to be approved by County Board – job description needs to be finalized prior to approval. Discussion on interviewing/hiring process and qualifications. Discussion on possibly bringing in outside attorney and/or other department heads for assistance or legal knowledge of position. Motion not needed to approve/amend job description, information was passed on to LRES Director Carey Jackson. Jackson also stated he would add information in job description regarding supervisory duties. Committee agreed that job description needs to be completed by Labor Relations Committee Meeting scheduled for June 30, 2006. Committee also agreed that getting input from Heath might be helpful. Dean also suggested that possible input from the judges might be helpful, O'Melia did not feel this was necessary. O'Melia did request that Jackson check the vacancy review policy regarding the need for approval by board/committee.

O'Melia requested meeting for final approval of the job description with Heath and entire committee in attendance. Committee Member Wolk also discussed possibility of getting legal opinion on the hiring/termination capabilities of position.

Committee agreed that the same hiring/interviewing process that was used to fill the Assistant Corporation Counsel position be used to fill Corporation Counsel vacancy.

Discussion on joint meeting between LEC and LRES Committee be on June 30, 2006, at 9:00 a.m. to discuss job description (LEC secretary will not be needed for this meeting per O'Melia).

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PUBLIC COMMENT:

No further Discussions or comments were offered.

AUDIT OF LAW ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENTS:

Following examination and discussion of all vouchers, BPO Reports, line item transfers, and all other financial information submitted by law enforcement departments, Cushing moved to approve all documents as presented, Wolk seconded the motion; all aye on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0.

Next Meeting:

The next regular meeting was scheduled for July 5, 2006 at 10:30 a.m.

Agenda Item of Discuss/Take Action on Corporation Counsel Recruitment Process by O'Melia.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business before this Committee, Cushing moved to adjourn, with second by Wolk; all aye on voice vote, the motion carried 5-0, and meeting adjourned at 10:40 a.m.

COMMITTEE CHAIRMAN

COMMITTEE SECRETARY

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